

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A bailer, comprising:

an elongate tubular body having an externally threaded uppermost end and an externally threaded downspout;

a handle mounted to said externally threaded uppermost end, said handle protruding upwardly from said uppermost end of said elongate tubular body;

a first internally threaded imperforate cap adapted to fit onto said externally threaded uppermost end of said elongate tubular body, said first imperforate cap preventing liquid fluid from flowing out of said first uppermost end independently of the position of the bailer;

said first internally threaded imperforate cap having a depth sufficient to accommodate said handle;

said second end having a one-way valved opening so that liquid fluid may flow into said elongate tubular body when said bailer is immersed in a body of liquid fluid and so that said liquid fluid is substantially prevented from flowing out of said elongate tubular body when said bailer is lifted from said body of liquid fluid;

a second internally threaded imperforate cap adapted to fit onto said externally threaded downspout, said second internally threaded imperforate cap preventing liquid fluid from flowing out of said externally threaded downspout independently of the position of the bailer.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (withdrawn) The bailer of claim 1, wherein said imperforate cap is press fit onto said second end of said bailer.

8. (withdrawn) The bailer of claim 3, wherein said imperforate cap is press fit onto said second end of said bailer.

9. (withdrawn) The bailer of claim 5, wherein said imperforate cap is press fit onto said downspout.

10. (withdrawn) The bailer of claim 1, wherein said imperforate cap is snap fit onto said second end of said bailer.

11. (withdrawn) The bailer of claim 3, wherein said imperforate cap is snap fit onto said second end of said bailer.

12. (withdrawn) The bailer of claim 5, wherein said imperforate cap is snap fit onto said downspout.